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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 13th March 1975/Phalguna 22, 1896 S.E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at One of the Clock.

MADAM SPEAKER (SMT. K. S. NAGARATHNAMMA) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS
(to which oral answers were given)

K. S. R. T. C. Divisions

50 **Sri V. M. GHADI** (Haliyal).—

Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state:-

(*a*) the number of K. S. R. T. C. Divisions existing in the State:

(*b*) the number of them earning huge profits and the number of them incurring loss (the names of the divisions earning profits and incurring loss) and the reasons for the same;

(*c*) the steps the Government has taken in consultation with K. S. R. T. C. authorities to ensure that no divisicn is allowed to run under loss?

Sri MOHAMMED ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism):—

(*a*) Twelve.

(*b*) (i) The following seven divisions are earning profit:—

(a) Bangalore
(b) Bijapur
(c) Belgaum
(d) Hubli
(e) North Kanara
(f) Bellary
(g) Raichur

(ii) The following five divisions are incurring loss:—

(a) Gulbarga
(b) Hassan
(c) Mysore
(d) Kolar
(e) B. T. S.

The main reasons for loss are as follows:—

Gulbarga Division:—

(i) Creation of Raichur Division
(ii) Operation of non-monopoly roads
(iii) High cost of operation
(iv) Pilferage
(v) Part of the fleet consisting of vehicles which are due for replacement.

B. T. S. Division:—

High cost of operation and partially due to pilferage.

Hassan, Mysore and Kolar Divisions:—

(i) High cost of operation
(ii) Bad vehicle condition
(iii) Partially due to competition with Private Operators and Pilferage.

(c) The K. S. R. T. C. has taken action to Curb down the menace of clandestine operation by effectively using Security staff with Police Personnel. Regional Central Line Checking Squad has been formed and checking has been intensified to prevent pilferage. In addition to this, Passenger-Penalty rule has been proposed to be made to impose penalty on ticketless passengers.

Sri V. M. GHADI.— According to the reply furnished by the Hon. Minister, Raichur Division is earning profit. At the same time, the Hon Minister has stated that Creation of Raichur Division is one of the reasons for loss. Is it not a contradictory statement?

† Sri MOHAMMED ALI.—After the formation of Raichur Division, because of the top heavy administration in Gulbarga Divivison, the wage bill has gone up. Therefore, that is one of the reasons for incurring loss. This is not contradictory.

Sri V. M. GHADI.— May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Conductors have to pay something monthly to the checking squad ?

Sri MOHAMMED ALI.— It has come to the notice of the Government and suitable instructions have been given to the Corporation to take drastic measures against the supervisory staff and we have suggested to fix up financial targets for each and every service they operate and if they fall short of target, then, action and explanation may be called for from the supervisory staff also.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.— Is it not a fact that the losses are mainly due to the contract carriages operating in many of these Divisions and if so, what action has been taken by the Government ?

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† Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri MOHAMMED ALI.— Contract carriages, of course, partly and not fully; I can say to some extent are r sponsible but one thing is quite apparent that there is a heavy traffic and the Road Transport Corporation dont suffer for want of travelling public.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಬಣಕಾರ್.— ಸಾರಿಗೆ ನಿಂಶ್ಚೆಯ ಡಿಪೋಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ, ಕೆಲವು ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ತಾವು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಇಡೀ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ದಿವಸಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಬಸ್‌ಗೆ 1970-71ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 278 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು, 1971-72ರಲ್ಲಿ 297 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು 1972-73ರಲ್ಲಿ 312ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಆದಾಯವಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯ ವ್ಯಾದೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ದಿವಸಕ್ಕೆ 600ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳವರೆಗೂ ಆದಾಯವಿದೆ. ಇಷ್ಟು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಲೀಕೇಜ್ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಕಂಡುಹಿಡಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

Sri MOHAMMED ALI.— If the buses are operated from one end to the other end, they are bound to earn more. The earning will not be much in the case of Buses that are being operated on the small routes. The earnings have been reduced because of the fact that the cost of operation has been increased by 45 per cent as against 28 per cent fare revision.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ.— ನಷ್ಟ ಆಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯೂ ಒಂದು. ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳುವುದಾದರೆ, ಒಂದು ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ 10-20 ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು ರದ್ದಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೋದರೂ 20 ಮೈಲಿಗಳ ದೂರ ಹೋಗಿ ಕೆಟ್ಟು ನಿಂತು ಹೋಗುತ್ತವೆ. ಇದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿಂದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ? ನಷ್ಟ ಆಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ? ಇದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

Sri MOHAMMED ALI.— Some schedules might have been cancelled. That is also one of the minor reasons for the loss but the thing is that the Government is very particular to see that no travelling public should be inconvenienced, on account of cancellation of services.

Sri V. M. GHADI.— The Hon. Minister has mentioned that bad vehicle condition is also one of the reasons for incurring loss. May I know when this condition will be improved ?

Sri MOHAMMED ALI.— Nearly 1000 vehicles were outlived their lives and the Corporation has got a phased programme to replace 600 vehicles during this year and in the coming year and for that, financial arrangement is being made by approaching financial institutions so that the Corporation may be able to borrow money and replace the vehicles.

Irregularities in Granting Agencies by Steel Factory Bhadravathi

121 Sri KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar).—

Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be plased to state.—

(*a*) the number of persons to whom the fresh selling agencies have been granted by the Steel Factory, Bhadravathi from March, 1972 to the end of August, 1974 ;